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Mr. Daniel Thomas:—"May I know from the hon. the Revenue Member whether repairs to a number of minor irrigation works have been held up in the district of Tinnevelly because the ryots are not in a position to get contributions?"

The hon. Sir Norman Marjoribanks:—"No, Sir, I am not aware of it. If the hon. Member will give me a list I shall be glad to make enquiries."

Panchayat Forests

Rules for the conduct of forest panchayats.

*923 Q.—Mr. G. Harisarvottama Rao: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Revenue Board have framed any set of rules for the conduct of forest panchayats and their relationship with the people and with the Forest department; and

(b) if so, what those rules are?

A.—(a) & (b) As stated in the answer to question No. 1662 on 2nd March 1928, the Board of Revenue was requested to submit draft rules and has submitted to Government a draft standing order for the administration of forest panchayats. The draft is under the consideration of Government.

Removal of some of the members of the Erragondapalem Forest Panchayat.

*924 Q.—Mr. G. Harisarvottama Rao: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether the President, Mr. A. Venkatanarasimham Pantulu, and some other members of the Erragondapalem Forest Panchayat were removed from office on the reports of the Forest Panchayat Deputy Tahsildar and inspection reports based thereupon;

(b) whether the deputy tahsildar communicated in Telugu the whole of the remarks of the Forest Panchayat Officer contained in P.F. No. 3008/27/C including the portions that spoke of the removal of the alleged inefficient president and members;

(c) whether the president in his explanation to charges communicated to him later categorically denied all the statements made by the deputy tahsildar; and

(d) whether, before removing the president or members, any inquiry was held either by the Forest officer or by the Collector to ascertain the truth or otherwise of statements made by the deputy tahsildar against the president and panchayatdars?

A.—(a), (b), (c) & (d) The Government have not the information but have called for a report.

Public Service

Government Orders regarding unpassed men in public service.

*925-A Q.—Mr. Basheer Ahmad Sayeed: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) what were the reasons that prompted the issue of the several Government Orders and notifications on the question of unpassed men in the public service;

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(b) whether the Government will place a copy of all the Government Orders and notifications regarding unpassed men with a statement of the reasons therefor on the table of the House ;

(c) whether they are aware that the community most affected by the several Government Orders and notifications is that of the Muslims ; and

(d) whether the Government took this aspect into consideration before they issued the said Government Orders and notifications ?

A.—(a) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer to question No. 736.

(b) If the hon. Member will specify the particular orders he has in mind the Government will consider the question of putting them on the table of the House.

(c) & (d) The answer to clause (c) is in the negative.

Alleged memorials from unpassed men in Government service.

* 925-B Q.—Mr. Basheer Ahmad Sayeed : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have been receiving memorials and appeals from unpassed men aggrieved by the several Government Orders and notifications and how many such appeals have been submitted by the Muslims in the service, ever since the issue of those Government Orders ;

(b) what is the total number of such unpassed men in service affected by the said Government Orders from among the Muslim community in the various departments in the Presidency ; and

(c) how many of these unpassed Muslim servants were given general and permanent exemptions by the Government before the issue of the Government Orders in question and how many were exempted by the heads of departments after the issue of the said Government Orders ?

A.—(a), (b) & (c) The hon. Member does not specify the Government Orders he has in mind. The Government have received memorials and appeals from unpassed men. To collect the information required by the hon. Member would involve the examination of files stretching over several years. The Government do not consider it necessary to embark on a labour of such magnitude.

Representation from the Andhra University regarding the amendment of the Public Service Notification.

* 926 Q.—Mr G. Harisarvottama Rao : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state, with reference to the answers given to question No. 357 answered on 8th October 1928, regarding representation from the Andhra University, regarding the amendment of the Public Service notification—

(a) whether any representation has since been made by the Andhra University on this question ;